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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The claims have been revised to define the invention with additional clarity. The revisions correspond in large measure to those suggested by the Examiner in the attachment to the April 17, 2003 Interview Summary. Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled. The revisions/cancellations are believed to moot the Examiner's objections set forth at the top of page 3 of the Action (items 5-7).

Claims 4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly being non-enabled. Withdrawal of the rejection is submitted to be in order for the reasons that follow.

Applicant submits that, on the basis of the specification, the person skilled in the art is readily able to make and use the claimed methods to identify agents that modulate the interaction between CBP and Importin α . The person of skill in the art is also able to identify peptide fragments of the full-length proteins that interact, given that the interacting regions (CBP residues 1078-1085 and Importin α residues 10-23) are set out in the specification (page 7, line 9, page 8, line 1) The subject matter of claims 4 and 9 is therefore fully enabled.

Nonetheless, and merely to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended to refer to inhibitors of CBP/Importin α binding and peptides having the specified

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interacting regions. This subject-matter is acknowledged to be enabled in the Action.

Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2 and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Withdrawal of the rejection is submitted to be in order in view of the above-noted claim revisions and comments that follow.

The term 'CBP' has been set out in full in the present claims.

The term 'polypeptide or peptide' has been removed from the present claims.

Claim 5 has been amended to include the step of determining the effect of the agent on the activities of Importin α .

Claim 9 has been amended to define the terms 'a region of CBP' and 'a region of Importin α '.

Reconsideration is requested.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

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